

HEALTHFUL ACTIVITY IN REALTY MARKET DESPITE HEAT

HEBREW TEMPLE TO BE BUILT

Congregation Talmud Torah Will Lay Cornerstone Today.

WILL BE A FINE EDIFICE

Prominent Rabbis and Laymen of the District Will Deliver Sermons and Addresses.

The Hebrews of Southwest Washington are congratulating themselves on the fact that they will soon have a temple in that section of the city. The first practical step in the accomplishment of this purpose will be the laying of the cornerstone of Talmud Torah today at 3 p. m., on the north side of 22nd street, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth street southwest. The ceremony will be performed with all the honors and glory of the religion, and the pastor of the congregation of Talmud Torah will be assisted by the pastors of the other synagogues in Washington and many persons prominent in religious circles.

It has not yet been definitely settled who will have the honor of placing the cornerstone, as the selection will not in all probability be made until today.

The congregation of Talmud Torah, of which the Rev. Morris R. Yoelson is pastor, has for a long time been worshipping at 207 Four-and-a-half street southwest. The rapid growth of the congregation, however, made it necessary for the members to seek other and larger accommodations. This necessity inspired the project of erecting a temple of worship, and the committee of the congregation appointed to consider the matter determined to purchase ground and erect a synagogue. The site chosen was lots 467 and 468 E street southwest, and there the first stone of the new home of Talmud Torah will be laid.

Addresses will be made by the Rev. Louis Stern, the Rev. Abram Simon, the Rev. Julius T. Loeb, the Rev. Dr. Yoelson, and the Hon. Simon Wolf.

BUILDING OPERATIONS ACTIVE ALONG G STREET

Improvement along G street is shown by the new building that is at present being carried on in the square between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest. On the south side work is rapidly progressing on the new structure being erected to accommodate the offices of Jordan, Bloomer & Co., Incorporated, while toward the western end of the square N. L. Burchell is remodeling one of the houses belonging to him. Across the street operations have commenced on the new office building to be erected for Thomas F. Walsh.

RAZING OLD HOTEL FOR NEW TRUST BUILDING

The first steps are being taken toward clearing away the old Colonial Hotel at the corner of Fifteenth and H streets northwest on the property purchased for the new home of the Union Trust Company. It is hoped that the work can be pushed to an early completion and that before winter sets in the building will begin to shape itself to show what a handsome improvement it will be to the locality that has so rapidly changed to a business center.

OLD NEWSPAPER ROW PROPERTY IS SOLD

An interesting sale of the past week was that of the premises 921 D street northwest, which was purchased by Dr. George T. Klipstein, of Alexandria. The lot has a frontage of 39 feet with a depth of 187 feet, and is improved with a two-story building, used as a store and for storage purposes.

THREE NEAT DWELLINGS ON B STREET SOUTHEAST

George S. Fraser has secured a permit for the building of three two-story brick dwellings at 2601 to 2603 B street southwest, after the plans drawn by F. H. Jackson, architect. The houses are to be of attractive design, fitted up with all the latest conveniences, and are to be built in the best manner. The building has been entrusted to W. L. Turner and the houses are expected to cost about \$3,500 each.

BRIGHTWOOD AVENUE IMPROVING RAPIDLY

A permit has been issued to J. W. Powell for the building of three two-story brick dwellings at 2601 to 2603 Brightwood avenue after designs furnished by William J. Palmer, architect. The estimated cost of the houses is \$3,600 and the contract has been awarded to S. W. Modsen & Co., builders. The plans show a very neat form of dwelling and are in much demand in that locality.

OD AVENUE STAND BRINGS GOOD PRICE

Cohen Shoe Store to Be Remodeled for a Provision House.

An important sale of realty which was consummated yesterday was the property 630 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, from Robert Cohen to Robert S. Sinclair. The lot has a frontage of twenty-two feet on the Avenue, with a depth of 130 feet to a wide alley, and is improved by a three-story brick store and dwelling.

REMODELING STORES ON SEVENTH STREET

Nos. 414 and 416 to Be Converted Into One Big Establishment.

Workmen have begun tearing out the building 414 Seventh street northwest, which, together with the adjoining house occupied by Hudson's variety store, has been purchased as heretofore published in The Times by J. G. McCroskey, and will be converted into one entire establishment devoted entirely to the sale of 5 and 10-cent articles.

This store is one of an extensive chain owned by the same party throughout the country. As stated at the time the premises 414, occupied by a drug store, was purchased at \$50,000, and a round sum paid for the lease then existing. Later the adjoining store, which was under lease, was secured by the payment of \$25,000 to the present tenant for the balance of the lease, which is probably the record price paid for such privilege.

MARTIN COUNTRY HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire destroyed the country residence of Thomas R. Martin, of the firm of Martin Brothers, of this city, located at Kensington, Md., on Thursday night. The house, stable, and outbuildings were a total loss, which fortunately were covered largely by insurance. Mr. Martin, who was formerly mayor of Kensington, has lived for several years in this city. He has not yet decided about rebuilding, but it is probable he will do so.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS HOME COMMANDS GOOD PRICE

The increasing value of property on Columbia Heights was strikingly illustrated in the sale of 1231 Fairmont (formerly Gale) street to J. Hollis Klinehart, for \$29,000, which occurred in the early part of the week. The house was owned by Leo Simmons, who built it about eight years ago, and has occupied it as a residence ever since. The deal was made through the office of W. H. Saunders & Co.

HOUSES ON ONTARIO ROAD TO BE IN COLONIAL STYLE

N. T. Haller Company, architects, have just completed plans for two handsome three-story dwellings to be built on Ontario road, between Columbia and Euclid street, Washington Heights. The houses are to be constructed of red brick in Colonial style, with large front porches and are to have all the conveniences of modern houses. They are to be finished in harmony with the ceilings throughout the parlor floor and to be heated with hot water and fitted with electric light fixtures.

PERMIT TO ALTER INTO OFFICE BUILDING

J. M. Gork & Son, agents, have taken out a permit for alterations and repairs to the three-story brick dwelling at 330 Sixth street northwest, which they intend to convert into an office building. The house is one of the old residences of that one-time fashionable locality which the change in conditions has made desirable for use as offices. The estimated cost is \$2,000.

PHILADELPHIA PROPERTY EXEMPT

The assessed value of all real estate in Philadelphia, exempt from taxation, aggregates \$188,351,434 for the year 1936.

UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS.

The late Col. George W. Robbins, of Avon, in his earlier days enjoyed a game of poker, according to the Boston Herald. One day he was challenged to meet an old friend with whom he had on many occasions "sat in" to a little game, but whom he had not seen in many years.

The old cronies greeted each other cordially, and after a few reminiscences, his friend, whom he called Bill, asked for a loan of \$5.

"What's that, Bill?" said the colonel, pretending not to hear.

"Could you lend me \$10?" said his friend.

"Aha, Bill," replied the colonel. "I see you're up to your old tricks."

"How's that, colonel?" asked Bill.

"Well," said the colonel, as he unpromptedly "catfished," "you've given me a raise before the draw."

Features of the Week In Realty and Building

REALTY SALES.

Site for German embassy.....	\$150,000
300 feet on S street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third.	
Ilkley apartment house.....	\$47,000
V street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.	
630 Pennsylvania avenue.....	\$45,000
To be remodeled for provision house.	
Ten two-story brick dwellings.....	\$42,500
Nos. 1367-1385 North Carolina avenue.	
Braddock apartment house.....	\$35,000
Corner Eighteenth and Willard streets.	
921 D street, store and dwelling.....	\$25,000
George T. Klipstein, purchaser.	
1321 Fairmount street, Colonial Heights.....	\$20,000
Residence of Leo Simmons, esq.	
1812 Nineteenth street, residence.....	\$17,500
Senator J. K. Jones, buyer.	
Vacant ground on Kenesaw avenue.....	\$16,000
To be improved with apartment houses.	

BUILDING PERMITS.

Four-story apartment house.....	\$75,000
100 East Capitol street.	
Potomac Electric substation.....	\$23,000
Rear of I street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth.	
Six two-story brick dwellings.....	\$16,800
Three-story office building.....	\$15,000
Nos. 1321-23 G street.	
Three two-story brick dwellings.....	\$10,000
Nos. 1004-1008 B street southeast.	
Four-story brick warehouse.....	\$20,000
For Union Trust Company.	

NORTH SAVINGS BANK TO IMPROVE PROPERTY

Will Shortly Begin Operations on Building Intended as Their Permanent Home.

Work will shortly begin on the new bank building of the North Savings Bank, at the northwest corner of Fourteenth and U streets. The property was recently acquired from P. J. Neigan at a cost of \$30,000 and Architect A. P. Clark, Jr., instructed to prepare plans for the reconstruction of the present building. The lot has a frontage of 25 feet on Fourteenth street, with a depth of 138 feet on U street, and it is intended to utilize the entire lot by the building of eight one-story stores on the U street side. The banking house will be located on the corner in a room 24 by 44 feet, and will be fitted up in the most approved manner for banking purposes. The upper floors of the main building will be reserved for offices and apartments. The design will be classic, with Doric pillars at the entrances, while the exterior finish will be in white marble cement. The improvements will cost about \$10,000, and when finished will make a very handsome addition to the several new buildings that have lately been erected in that locality.

ROW OF TEN HOUSES SELLS FOR \$42,500

The sale of the row of ten houses on North Carolina avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northeast, to John J. Connelly, for \$42,500, reported through the office of Moore & Hill (Inc.), in connection with Lieberman & Hawn, is among the most important realty deals in that section for some months. The houses are two-story bricks, with bay window fronts, and have just been completed. The demand for dwellings of that size in that section more than keeps up with the supply.

DESIGNED OWN HOME AND WILL BUILD IT

W. L. Rhine has designed and will build for himself a two-story frame dwelling at 208 Twelfth street northeast, at an estimated cost of \$1,800. The house will have several novel features, and will be an attractive addition to the neighborhood.

FARMS IN MARYLAND ATTRACTING CITY PEOPLE

The farm belonging to Corcoran Thom, containing thirty-four acres, situated on the Baltimore and Washington pike, was sold last week, through the office of Edward Daniels, in the Maryland building, Richard Buhler, real estate broker, of his country home. The price is stated at \$5,600.

HANDSOME NEW ROW PUT UP IN GEORGETOWN

Robert H. Melton has completed the erection of a long row of two-story apartment houses on the west side of Avon place, between Cambridge place and R street northwest. The improvement represents an expenditure of about \$90,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

T. H. Pickford, the builder and real estate operator, sailed on Wednesday for Europe. He will travel through France, Switzerland, and Holland before returning about September 1.

James A. Cahill has been out of the city several days enjoying a much needed vacation at Atlantic City. He will return to town before starting on an extended trip.

FAMOUS COLONIAL ESTATE NEAR OLD POINT SOLD

"Elmington," One of Virginia's Stately Homes, Taken Over by New Yorkers.

Grant Parish, realty broker of this city, has sold the famous colonial estate of Elmington, for \$60,000. The sale was consummated last Thursday in New York. The mansion house has thirty-two rooms, four baths, gas, and all city conveniences and, although built in 1750, has been renovated in the most lavish style, though faithfully retaining the Colonial character of the property. The location is most commanding, being on the Chesapeake bay, near Old Point Comfort, Va. The estate has 450 acres of cultivated land, with two miles shore front, including valuable oyster beds, fishing, and shooting opportunities.

OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS FAST DISAPPEARING

An improvement that is intended to be largely of a temporary character has been undertaken by Thomas F. Walsh in the erection of a three-story brick office building at 1321-1323 G street northwest. The old structures that encumbered the property were not of such a character as Mr. Walsh felt were fitting such a prominent street as G street has become, and while not entirely decided as to what permanent improvement would be best suited, he concluded to erect such a building as would be a step in advance.

The property fronts forty-five feet, with a generous depth, and the ground floor will be divided into two stores. The second floor will be given up to office rooms, while the third story will be entirely devoted to a photographic studio to be occupied by the C. M. Bell Company, who are following the current of trade and coming farther up town. It is intended to make an attractive structure, although no special effort will be made in the way of architectural embellishment.

WILL ADD A STORY TO HIS RESIDENCE

D. C. Shea has taken out a permit for the addition of a story to his residence at 101 I street northwest after plans prepared by Appleton P. Clark, Jr.

SUBURBAN \$2,800

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SPANISH MISSION TYPE IN CHURCH BUILDING

Philadelphia to Make New Departure in Church Architecture in Eastern Cities.

The Fortieth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, the design for which was made by Architect C. E. Schermerhorn, will be one of the most distinctive buildings in Philadelphia. It is in the Spanish or mission style of architecture, the best types of which are to be found among the churches erected by the early Spanish missionaries in Mexico and southern California. It has been found necessary to modify slightly the mission style to meet the requirements of modern construction.

Materials used in the construction of the church will be either brick and terra cotta, all terra cotta or concrete throughout, as the building committee may decide. The roof will be of red tile. Entrance will be from Walnut street into a large recreation room with an open fireplace. This will be the first church in any Eastern city to be built after this type of architecture.

OVER A SALE A DAY FIRM'S JULY AVERAGE

Stone & Fairfax, Inc., Report a Grati-fying Continuation of Business for July.

FIFTEEN SKYSCRAPERS FOR NEW YORK CITY

Forty Million Dollars to Be Expended for Buildings Within the Next Three Years.

The most remarkable movement in the construction of office buildings which has ever occurred in the history of the world, in point of both magnitude and character, is about to take place on the lower end of Manhattan Island, south of Fulton street.

Plans either have been or are about to be consummated for building at least fifteen tall, modern office structures within this small area, which will provide on or before January, 1939, more than 2,500,000 square feet of rentable office space in addition to that already existing. When it is remembered that the present Trinity building has only about 162,000 square feet of rentable area, the extent of this construction movement may be better understood.

Some of the projected buildings will be larger and higher than the office structures now existing in this area, in which, however, are centered most of the city's greatest skyscrapers. The new Boreel building and Trinity annex will be at least twenty stories high, the Trust Company of America building and the United States Express Company building twenty-five stories or more. It is estimated that the fifteen structures which include the Seligman, Cockcroft, Foyal-Queen, and St. Louis Mercantile Trust Company buildings, will cost nearly \$40,000,000.

SENATOR JOHN K. JONES BUYS A NEW RESIDENCE

The fine new residence, 1812 Nineteenth street northwest, which is one of several recently completed by John H. Nolan, has been sold to Mrs. Susan Somerville Jones, wife of John K. Jones, former Senator from Arkansas. The construction cost was \$17,500. The dwelling is built in the Spanish style of mottled brick and white limestone, with tile roof, after designs by Wood, Donn & Deming. Mr. Jones will occupy the house as his local residence.

WHY PAY RENT?

If you wish to own your own home, you should apply to the UNITED REAL ESTATE COMPANY for one of its HOME PURCHASING CONTRACTS, which makes you eligible for a \$1,000 loan, when you have paid \$4 in advance, or in a first payment of \$5 and \$3 per month thereafter until the amount paid is \$14. Every dollar paid before the loan is granted, and interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, is placed to your credit; therefore, the more you pay before you get possession of your home the less it will cost you.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS PLACED ON RECORD

Whitehaven, St. Philip & Jacob—William C. Benger to Samuel W. Cockrell, lot 17, block 4, \$400.
1202 N street northwest—Edmund K. Fox et ux to Leo Simmons, lot B, square 280, \$100.
Robert's Choice—Edmund K. Fox et ux to Leo Simmons, part, \$100.
Thirty-fourth street northwest, between Q and R streets—Claude D. Thomas to Henry Koons and Elizabeth Koons, part lots 60, 61, 62, square 1245; part lots 162 and 164, square 1255, and part of Whitehaven, \$10.
Columbia Heights—Leo Simmons et ux to J. Clarence Welch, lot 125, block 23, \$10.
Kenilworth—Robert F. Bradbury et ux to Elizabeth Wilson, lot 16, block 3, \$10.
811 T street northwest—Honora A. Goddard et vir, William R. to Simon Fegman, lot square 280, \$10.
Deanwood Heights—John W. Gregory et ux to George W. Robinson, lots 25, 30 and 31, square 15, and lot 18, square 18, \$10.
Randle Highlands—U. S. Realty Company to Daniel W. Schofield, lot 4, block 9, \$10.
Fifth street northeast, between K and L streets—Mary J. Wright to Robert O'Brien, part original lot 1, square 505, \$10.
I street northwest, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets—May R.

IS THIS TO BE AN AGE OF CONCRETE BUILDING?

Will Brick and Stone and Steel Construction Be Superseded by This New Material?

The march of concrete still goes forward. There seems to be no limit to its possibilities. Engineers are producing month after month new wonders in this line of construction. Of course, all of them are not just what the artistic demands, but there must be a beginning in all things.

ROOSTER ATTACKED INFANT BOY AT PLAY

Fowl Infuriated by Red Dress Worn by Baby Scratches Child's Eyes Out.

CHICAGO, July 21.—David Alswang, a baby of two years, is dying in a hospital as the result of a savage attack by a big rooster.

HOW WILLIE'S MAMA GOT A SEAT

The afternoon was rather warm and the elevated car was crowded. Two bachelor girls on their way home from work swung on straps and tried to think of something pleasant. The men were all pretty well occupied with weighty news matters of the day as set forth in the evening papers. Half-way uptown, as the train stopped at a station in the shopping district, the high, piping voice of a child rose above the usual noises as he entered the train.

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East Washington Savings Bank.....312 Pa. Ave. S. E.
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